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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Eiji YAMAMOTO et al  
Serial No. : 09/480,506  
Filed : January 10, 2000  
For : OPTICAL DISPLACEMENT SENSOR  
AND OPTICAL ENCODER  
Art Unit : 2877  
Examiner : Hwa S. Lee

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2003, the term for response to which is extended by three (3) months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to December 9, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-38 are canceled, and claims 39-52 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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Dated: December 8, 2003

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